

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 37, as shown below:

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[0037] Additional information regarding sealing systems for composite risers is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/010,191 entitled Multiple Seal Design for Composite Risers and Tubing for Offshore Applications, having as a co-inventor Mamdouh M. Salama (the inventor here) and filed on the same date as this application, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Helpful background information regarding composite drilling risers is disclosed in the following articles each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety: Composite Risers are Ready for Field Applications – Status of Technology, Field Demonstration and Life Cycle Economics, 13th International Deep Offshore Technology Conference (DOT 2001), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 17-19, 2001: Remaining Challenges of Advanced Composites for water depth sensitive systems, presented at the 2nd Annual Deep Offshore Technology Int. Conf. Held in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 7 – 9, 2000; OTC 11006: Design Consideration for Composite Drilling Riser, presented at the Offshore Technology Conference held in Houston, Texas on May 3-6, 1999; SPE 50971: Composite Production Riser Testing and Qualification, SPE Production & Facilities, August 1998 (p. 168 – 178).